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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff  
SUBJECT: Strategic Defense Initiative

1. Attached is a suggested memorandum, coordinated with Larry Gershwin, for you to use in responding to Dr. Keyworth's 9 December letter. [REDACTED] 25X1

2. The Intelligence Community Staff is initiating two complementary activities which will ensure that the Intelligence Community provides proper focused support to the President's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). The CIPC, at your direction, will review the Intelligence Community's ability to make high confidence assessments of Soviet activities to defend against nuclear ballistic missiles. PPS, in conjunction with Defense, will define Community planning and policy relationships necessary to effect proper Community support to the SDI. [REDACTED] 25X1  
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## The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** George A. Keyworth, II  
Science Advisor to the President  
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy

**SUBJECT:** Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)

1. Your 9 December letter captures quite well the problem of the unfortunate misunderstandings that have led to the skeptical view some have taken on the President's Strategic Defense Initiative. Faced with a clear and concise presentation of the President's initiative and its objectives, as presented in your point paper, I believe the skepticism would wane. I especially agree with you that while the Soviet nuclear ballistic missiles do present the greatest threat, it is important to assure the American public that the President's vision of the future responds to all facets of the Soviet Strategic threat and not exclusively ballistic missiles. This is particularly pertinent with regard to Soviet long-range cruise missiles. I have nothing to add to your excellent effort at this time, but I have directed the NIO for Strategic Programs, Dr. Larry Gershwin, to review the discussion of Soviet strategic capabilities contained in your point paper and to support you as appropriate. [redacted]

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2. Additionally, [redacted] has initiated two Intelligence Community efforts that directly affect this most important Presidential initiative. The Critical Intelligence Problems Committee, in a companion study to the just completed assessment of Soviet Strategic Cruise Missiles, will evaluate our ability to assess Soviet efforts in their own defense against nuclear ballistic missiles and make recommendations on what can be done to improve significantly our ability to make high confidence assessments. The Intelligence Community Staff, working with Defense, will also define appropriate Intelligence Community planning and policy relationships necessary to effect proper support to the Strategic Defense Initiative. [redacted]

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3. The President's message and his vision for the future must be communicated clearly and decisively to gain the widespread support of the American people, the US scientific community, the Congress, and our allies.

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4. I would be pleased to discuss the Strategic Defense Initiative further at your convenience. [redacted]

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Not signed per  
attached note from  
William J. Casey SA/DCI

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